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Shivery Greetings!

We have gorgeous autumn colors, but we went right from summery weather, with gardens still blooming, to rather frigid winter temperatures. I guess we're learning flexibility and multi-seasoning. Make it your season to learn about making a print of your work--GICLEE--we've all heard the word. What is a GICLEE PRINT? Is it affordable? (yes) Can you have only a few copies made? (yes) Do you want to learn more? YES. So come one and all, learn what a Giclee print is from CRIMSON ATELIER, INC. on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library when a representative from Crimson Atelier will clue you in on the whole process (and even if you never plan to reproduce one of your works, you will see "giclee" next to a work in a show, and you should know what that means. Really.) Our President has had a Giclee print done--come see, come learn! (our president meaning Linda Arnold, not GB). Rosemary Zangara and Eleanor Demott will be providing our refreshments that night, and we thank them! And we thank Audrey Wreszin, again, for running off this NEWSLETTER, addressing, and mailing them.

Wow! RVAA is a presence once again at the Children's Specialized Hospital, in Mountainside, thanks to Mary Creasy, who created this show, which is now up and shining, until November 30th. Thank you, Mary! And thank you, Rity Gorky, who helped Mary with the receiving and hanging of our show. The following RVAA members have 1-5 works each in the show: Linda Arnold, Doug Axmann, Pat Boffa, Mary Ann Creasy, Eleanor DeMott, Sherry Engelberg, Barbara Fiorentino, Bill Gilbert, Rita Gorky, Judy Hummer, Francis Marell, Diana Patton, Nona Rutter, Diane Shedden, Chrisiane Silla, Maureen Slater, Jackie Weighart, Sonja Weir, Ellen Yospin, and Rosemary Zangara.

HOLIDAY DINNER PLUS---yes! it's that time again! The special holiday magic of RVAA's ANNUAL DINNER and GET-TOGETHER at McCarthy's, 600 E. Main Street, Bridgewater (Rt. 22 East, turn rt. onto FINDERNE AVE., at the 3rd light, turn rt. onto Main St., almost an immediate left into McCarthy's parking lot). NONA RUTTER is once again chairing this fun event. MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th Only \$26. and we have hors d'oeuvres,

the fantastic Salad Bar, a choice of NY strip steak, chicken Francais, seafood linguini, London broil, fresh baked salmon, or vegetarian dinner, plus choice of dessert. We'll have our traditional White Elephant gift; please bring one in holiday-wrapped. We'll have some holiday readings, or anecdotes (if you've something special to share, you can phone Nona at 908/766-4962) Time to dine. Time to converse. Time to share the holiday feeling without rushing. Do join us! Please mail check for \$26. made out to RVAA, the form is at the end of the NEWSLETTER, to Nona at 110 Washington Corner Road, Bernardsville, 07924. GUESTS ARE WELCOME. Thank you, Nona!

HOLIDAY SHOW & SALE---if it's coming-on-December, it's RVAA's big holiday show & sale, when we brighten up the Somerset County Library with our own brand of pizzazz. The show "rules" and a form to participate are included in this NEWSLETTER. SIGN UP SOON, as your space slot is dependent on when the Show Chair (me) receives your form. If you've never done this show before, you'll want to join us. Although show sitting is required (we love impulse buying and if we're not there to sell the works, we lose the impulse buyers), you can paint, do holiday cards, or kibbutz with the public during your "time". It's fun, and can be profitable, with lesser price works selling more than pricey works. 10% goes to the Somerset Public Library.

WATERCOLORISTS! You've probably received forms from the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission on their upcoming juried watercolor show. Forms, with slides or photos, are due Nov. 25th. The judge is Carl Burger and there will be two cash prizes, as well as Honorable Mentions. If you've not received a form, you can phone the C & H Commission--908/231-7110. Our own Elsa Herrmann did the cover painting for the prospectus!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

At the juried 23rd annual Mountain Art Show RVAA was represented by members SUSAN FUREY, RITA GORKY, DIANA PATTON, JOAN RAUSHI, DEBBIE SEYMOUR, and CAROL STAUB, in the juried section. (your editor is sure others were in Small Treasures, but names were only printed out in the program for juried)

ELSA HERRMANN participated in the International Miniature Show at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, where she was awarded an Honorable Mention. She also received First Place in Professional Watercolors in the State Senior Citizens' Exhibit, and had a painting juried into the New Jersey Water Color Society Members' Show at the Monmouth Museum.

Students of DIANA PATTON are currently exhibiting at the Somerset County Library (until Dec.2) RVAA members include MARILYN CHAPMAN, WILLIAM GILBERT, FRANCES LOUISE MARELL, and SHIRLEY ODWARKA. As for Diana's works, you're all invited to the reception of "Oil and Water" (with Lorraine Williams) at the Montgomery Center for the Arts, 1860 House, just off Rt. 206, Sunday, Nov. 17th for the reception 1-4. Show runs through Dec. 8th (there is also a juried show going on in the Downstairs Galleries at the same time, which Diana is also in) 609/921-3272 for hours.

NONA RUTTER had her pastel "Serenity" juried into the annual Pastel Society of America's show at the National Arts Club, Grammercy Park, in New York City, during the month of September. Nona also exhibited her work at the Hilltop School Sale & Show.

CAROL STAUB and GAY BILLICH also were accepted into the juried show at the 1860 House and also into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Associates' Show and the New Jersey Water Color Society Associates' Show. CAROL STAUB's painting "North Point" was awarded "Finalist" in the ARTIST'S MAGAZINE in the Experimental art category. The announcement will be in the December 2002 issue. In the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's 9th Annual NATIONAL Watermedia Competition (9/22-10/6) Carol's "Merlot" won the Alice M. Arnaud Memorial Award. "Windows on the World" won 2nd Place in the A.E. Bean Backus Museum "The American Reflections" juried show. "Enmeshed" won an Award of Excellence in the NJWCA Associates' Show and "After the Storm" won 3rd Place in the Mixed Media Competition in Cheap Joe's and Canson Spring Flyer (for 2003).

So! Keep sending in YOUR NEWS. I'll keep it in an envelope for our January issue. Which reminds me, I'll be demonstrating for you all in January. Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hannukah! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! (although I hope to see lots of you before then)